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PRODUCTION OF GAS BY PUBLIC SECTOR OIL COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise installed capacity of Public Sector Companies for production of gas during the last three years and the actual production achieved by the them;

(b) the cost marked out on production of one kilogram gas alongwith the company-wise cost of production of gas; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to reduce the aforesaid cost?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) Year wise targets and actual production of natural Gas in respect of Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) and Oil India Ltd.(OIL) during the last 3 years are as follows:

Figures in MMSCM

	ONGC Target	OIL Target	Actual	Actual
2004-05	22127	22970	2059	2009
2005-06	21406	22574	2076	2270
2006-07	21966	22442	2365	2265

(b) & (c) The cost of production of Natural Gas depends upon various factors including size of Reservoir, location of the fields, availabilities of surface facilities, accounting procedures adopted by the Companies. In case of Public Sector Oil Companies, cost of production during 2006-07 by ONGC was Rs. 3490/- per thousand cubic metres. The cost of production by Oil India Ltd. during 2006-07 was Rs. 1629.30 per thousand cubic metres excluding statutory levies. It may be noted that most of ONGC's gas production comes from offshore areas and in respect of OIL it comes from onland areas.

The cost of production is monitored by the Boards of respective companies. Both the companies adopt stringent economic measures in its areas of operations to reduce the cost of production.